The Mystery of a Gem. ****************

A small market wagon drawn by one bony horse pulled up in front of a pawnbroker's shop in Paris. A young countryman and a girl sat on a cross- Mr. and Mrs. George W. board at the fore end, the man a strapping fellow, the girl comely and rosy as a peony. The girl descended from the seat and went into the pawnbroker's. He was a white headed old man and, unlike most of his trade, be- AT WHITE RIVER JUNCTION nevolent looking.

"I would like, monsieur, if you would be so kind as to lend me a hundred francs on this."

She produced a pearl the size of a nutmeg. It was of a very unusual shade. The pawnbroker looked at it

for a long while, then said: "How did you come by it?" "Alphonse—Alphonse is to marry me -has had it ever since his mother died. We wish to be married, and we have

"How long age did Alphonse's mother die?"

than twenty years ago."

"Alphonse's mother was when young

the value of the gift?" "How could she since she was dying of gold from the children.

"How could scarcely spenk? Don't you Mr. Colston was born in Hartland and could scarcely speak? Don't you

ft?" she asked anxiously. "He has kept it for his mother's with nothing and I've held out."

In 50 years Mr. Colston has not had 'Does Alphonse wish to sell it?' pawn it."

the old man's confidence.

wish to borrow 100 france on this for in point of membership in the state,

such a windfall.

uch a windfall.

The pawnbroker possessed a small Mr. and Mrs. Colston were married in library of books giving the history of Hartland March 7, 1858, by Rev. O. G. valuable articles. As soon as the girl Woodbury, a Universalist had gone he took down a volume on Mrs. Colston, who was Miss Julia Macy. celebrated gems that had passed through strange hands. Turning over the leaves, he at last came to an account of the disappearance about a century and a half ago of two large. century and a half ago of two large Arthur G. Colston, residing in West diamonds from the English crown. A Chester, Penn. pearl of extraordinary size and luster had disappeared at the same time. No trace had ever been discovered of the missing gems, and after so long a Mr. and Mrs. John B. Morse of Gageperiod no expectation was entertained

Here was a little gem the size of the it not one would probably have seen to extend congratulations. any difference between it and the large Mr. Moore was born in Westminster, and brilliant jewels resting beside it. Vt., Jan. 28, 1831. Mrs. Lucinda Moore, him the pearl stood alone. That singu- born to them, only one of whom is livlar something which has no identity, inc no personality, no essence, but which stolen from the English crown.

wned the jewel were celebrating beir wedding day. There was little berewith to celebrate, but they made to most of what they bad. A letter A Passion For Literally Reveling In came by the post summoning them to Peris at once to see the pawnbroker

he sent them into a private room, tied the bags of gold in the bed and Friday evening. where they waited half an hour in suswith a man, an Englishman.

"You may question them if you like, golden bath, will get nothing."

the otl

who drew back, frightened.

he paid in. At first Alphonse feared biggest of Havanas. they were trying to draw him into a A Boston merchant of great wealth. trap. Inted, he would not take the believing certain symptoms indicated to whom to was accustomed to sell a specialist and, under his advice, bevegetables who looked the matter came an inmate of a private asylum. The villain kissed the lady and the hero later, however, withfirew this conten-

their fortupe in a savings bank, the washed his hands in gold eagles and young coups drove their little cari half engles. At the end of the long se. She yielded to her steady when he beg-opments for a few days, the only points home with happiness in their hearts clusion he returned to his counting that came to them but once in their room and in twelve mouths confirmed

Nothing was ever learned as to the amassing \$500,000.-St. Louis Republic wanderings of the pearl from the time it was taken from the British crown till it was give to the pensant's moth DORA IRENE STEVENS.

Her Sweet Friend. Miss Elder To iden of his pretend- Anybody seems to be able to tell ing that my hair was gray! Miss Peppery-Ridiculous Miss Eider-Wasn't pery-Ridiculous Miss Ender-Wash t Whobedy's going to tell me why?

If, though? Miss Poppery-Yes. Just a Peter McArthur in Woman's Home Comas if you'd buy bay hair.-Exchange.

THEIR GOLDEN

Colston Celeberated

He Is the Oldest Odd Fellow in the State-Mr. and Mrs. John B. Morse of Gageville Also Celebrate.

White River Junction, March 9 .- Mr. and Mrs. George W. Colston of this vitlage Saturday celebrated their 50th wed-"When Alphonse was a baby, more their home on Main street.

The tables were very attractive with "And where did Alphonse's mother cut flowers. Thirty covers were laid, the guests including the children, grand-children and relatives and friends. From lady's maid to a countess. Just before 1 to 5 during the afternoon and from lady's maid to a countess. Just before 7 to 10 in the evening a reception was the countess' death she gave it to her held and many called to offer congratumaid. The countess died of smallpox, lations. A delegation from Queechea and all but her maid had deserted her." River lodge, L. O. O. F., at Woodstock "Did the countess say anything about were among the guests. There were

think it is worth so much as a hundred and has lived fa this village for about frances? Can't you lend anything on 10 years. He is 73 years old. "Tve always been a very hard working man." said he, speaking of his life. "I had

but he thinks a great deal about what a physician and he is in excellent health his mother was like. He would rather and works every day. He has always voted the Republican ticket and is par-There was a look of truthfulness and ticularly interested in the affairs of the innocence in the girl's face that won town. The only office he has held is that of school committee in Hartland. "So you and Alphonse are lovers and He has never lived outside the state.

The pawnbroker handed her four na- of years he was not identified with any poleons, took her address and sent her lodge. Fourteen years ago he became off jubilant. He saw her go out and a member of Quechee River lodge at communicate her happiness to her Woodstock, Vt. There are said to be lover by showing him the four shining only two members living who belonged to the old Windsor lodge and several gold pieces. Then they drove away, to the old Windsor lodge and several truth and the plot is new and minimally both talking at once and gesticulating, present order at Windsor, Mr. Colston, Evidently they had never before had together with these two members, were

FRIENDS LEAVE PRESENTS.

ville, Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary.

tip of a lady's finger that a peasant John B. Moore celebrated their golden had kept from his babyhood and was wedding at their home in Gageville Satdoubtful if he could borrow \$20 on it. urday afternoon. They received num-Had it been displayed in a jeweler's erons presents from their friends who case, of the thousands who looked at called during the afternoon and evening

But for half a century this old pawn, who was Lucinda Thompson, was born broker had done nothing but inspect in Londonderry, Vt., May 14, 1835. Nearvaluable articles, chiefly jewels. To in Westminster, Vt. Four children were

Mr. Moore is a member of the Grand we call experience, told him that let Army and has an honorable war record. had in his possession a gent that a Mrs. Moore is a member of the relief hundred and fifty years ago had been corps and active in works of charity Bloth Mr. and Mrs. More are ardent A week passed. The couple who had Methodists and have been for 35 years.

GOLD MADNESS.

the Yellow Metal.

does the pearl, and they had spent rich. Some years ago a London jour his grasp as naturally as he used to con- sured that Japan will not act hastily, that wake double laughter and make the money. Alphonse put the horse nailst who had speculated in railroad in the wagon, and they drove into the stocks netted £5,000 as the result of a large interests with which his but will weigh her future actions with those trivial 'home jokes' which are name was associated in his great New the utmost deliberation." This inter- signs by which you shall declare a lucky venture. Drawing it in gold, the When they reached the pawnbroker's fortunate man repaired to a botel, emp went to sleep literally in the sands of Then the pawnbroker entered Pactolus. The man was so crazed by his good fortune that he found inde-

government will be happy to ceived the proceeds of his concerts he reward that has so long been insisted upon being paid in gold-used She oped a bureau drawer saying: "Geet the officials connected with the seizure, and ask no questions," replied to wash his hands in sovereigns.

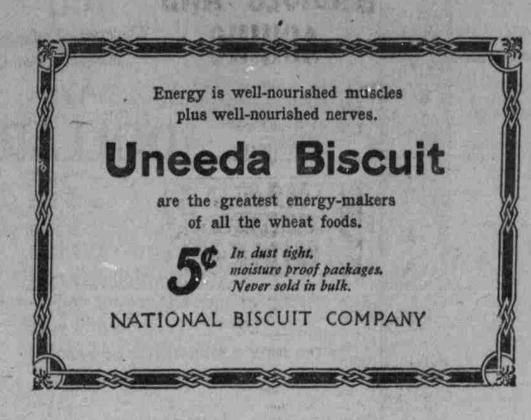
A French novelist, Soulie, wrote a The Logilshman took from a wallet book entitled. "The Memoirs of the totes, two for £1,000 each and Devil." It took. The publishers paid one for 1500, equivalent to about \$12. him for the first volume \$10,000 in gold. 000, and handed them to the groom. The author carried the gold to his bed. She didn't like the labor, but she kind reached between the viceroy of Canton any minute the patient may have a reroom, poured it into a footbath and en-"A weeling present for you," said joyed for half an hour the excitement the paymeroker, and he gave an ex- of moving his feet to and fro in a bath planation of how the money came to of gold coins, smoking meanwhile the And every time she sighed it, she chewed of the foreign office, at Tokio Satur-

refully and assured him that For twelve years there his recreation On their welding night, after placing knocking them over. At times he

WHOBODY?

Everybody tells me things I should know, But Nobody tells me why they are so; Somebody knows why things must be. But Whobody's going to teach it to ma?.

Was gray! Miss Pep- When the sup is skining, that all is well, Miss Eitler-Wasn't But sometimes clouds will darken the sky.



W. A. Whitecar in an Ald Sweetheart of Mine.

"Life on the Plains" usually means a melodramatic setting of a thrashy have joined the old Windsor lodge at story, well tarashed out years ago. In The Viceroy at Canton is "Yes, monsieur, if you think it is Windsor 52 years ago. During the war the new Texan romance in which W. A. this lodge dishanded for a number Whitecar is starring this season, called 'An Old Sweetheart of Mine," after James Whitcomb Riley's famous poem, it is anything but thrushy or inclo dramatic. The tale is strong and sweet, the characters are finely chisled out of



W. A. WHITECAR.

York office, Mr. Whitecar is an actor view was given after a cabinet meeting happy family life-these are all so in a thousand. He will be seen in his and conference. new romance at the opera house on next ?

Mayme.

clock alarmed. Paganini, the violinist, when he re She peeped within her mirror, and her a few days longer. Saturday's advices must be not for one, but for both." curts had not been harmed. I'm dead for some!

> to chew her gum. stenographed all daysighed for night to come,

faster on her gum. She waited in the parlor till her stendy

saw a melodrame: biffed the hum.

ged her just for onechecked the mastication, but-

did not neglect her gum.

and dreamed oh, it was rum! She brought a mouth like Mississippl's to three Pike's Peaks of gum!

Sweet Mayme! She chews both day and Lady that I took to dinner night, she chews both well or sick. Chatted with the chap who sat chews when glad, she chews when fither side of her; the sinner and she choose through thin and | Quite monopolized her chat.

And I suppose tat when she dies and Fearing I had got the sack, gors to square her sum, She'll larynx crammed with gum. -Richmond Times Dispatch.

JAPAN TO ACT PATIENTLY

Blamed

ARMS MUST BE RESTORED

The Chinese Minister Tries sto Prove ourselves to it. Imperfections must That the Vessel Was Not in Portuguese Waters.

tensive constitutional powers. It is quite apparent that the viceroy of Canton acted hastily in relying upon information which stated that the Tatsu was engaged in smuggling arms. form to a firm in Macco, were entirely Macao boarded the vessel, accompanied by the Portuguese authorities, before her andoubtedly then in Portuguese terria New Yorker in hiding, not from the national rights and an insult to the to the flames on which the family in law but from his old aweetheart. He is flag was proved by the Chinese them. Its ignorance usually pours oil instead splendidly gifted and admirably trained, selves in offering to restore the ship, of water, splendidly gifted and admirably trained, selves in obering to restore the sair, full of daring, energy and ambition, a together with a further promise re-born leader of men and protector of ceived vesterday to reprimand the offi-nomen. He finds his life work and cials who lowered the Japanese flag-than the confidence in each other, must does it with a grace and charm that Notwithstanding this, while we are destamp him the man for the time and termined not to concede what we believe A singular passion for literally revel- for the place. He is militant and pro- is proper, but to ultimately enforce They were much frightened, fearing ing in gold is exhibited now and then gressive and takes into his hands the our demands, should China refuse to sharing of joy and grief, the mingling that they were to be called upon to re- by men who have suddenly become bamiling of the affairs that come within listen to reason, the world may rest as- of smiles and tears, the bits of humor

Foreign Minister Hayashi said to the Associated Press correspondent that he had reason to believe that it was then determined not to immediately rein-"This is the couple," the former said. scribable pleasure in reveling in a She rose at 7:30, which was when her ton, but that th Idzumi, which was used shared; play, opportunity, money, anxas a training vessel, would remain there lety, loss, vigils, prayers-all these from Pekin contain an offer to punish. and also a statement from Yuan-Shi-And yanking out a package, she began Kai that he desired further time for consideration of the Japanese demands. This will be granted by the Japanese She went down to an office and she government, and it is confidently believed that an agreement will finally be of liked the pay— and the central government. Inc.
She often "fixed" her pempadour and ess minister at Tokio held a long of the central government. and the central government. The Chinence with Baron Chinda, vice-

(day. During the cabinet meeting the Chinese minister first contended that because money til he had called in a notary that he would become insome consulted She went to Brown's Theoryter and she treaty, therefore the waters remained overwrought imagination makes her actually under Chinese sovereignty. He feel as if she was being neglected. tion, when instances were quoted of oththe transaction was fair and square. was piling up gold coins and then And while she swelled the plaudits, she er leases, those of Wel-Hai-Wei and Kiso-Chow elsewhere cited. The foreign remaining undecided being the restoration of the arms, which Japan continroom and in twelve months confirmed hey, prostol it was done— ares to demand, also raising the Japan-the thoroughness of his recovery by And then she chewed herself to bed ese flag on the Tatsu with appropriate ceremony.

> The Philosopher. So I sat alone, alack! gors to square her sum,
> trip toward St. Peter with her
> larynx crammed with gum.
>
> Knowing, though, that I saw more
> Of her than I'd seen before-

WOMAN'S WORLD

Marriage Not Heaven Nor Hell-A Marriage Not Heaven Nor Hell—A the institution, drew his revolver and meaning.

Lesson in Faith and Hope.

Suppose two people begin their marfive bullets in his body, and Dogostino what the ried life on the plane of sanity and was caught running from the bank. Pel reasonableness," says Grace D. Goodwin in the course of a very interesting article. "They say marriage is not heaven nor bell; it is our chance to the police pending further tutor our spirits in the great lessons that he went to the bank to kill Patri, but fired no shots. The police have been unable to find Pellatro's revolver. Patri is held by the police pending further tutor our spirits in the great lessons that he went to the bank to kill Patri, but fired no shots. The police have been unable to find Pellatro's revolver. Patri is held by the police pending further timestigation of the affair.

Childhood's Method. of the soul, patience, charity, faith, hope. These things are to be learned by accepting life as it is and adjusting Charles S. Partridge of Manchester, N. be man enough to provide, to guard, ers, Manchester, shot himself in a pas-

be overlooked, blunders must be forgiven-aye, and sins. The man must A full pocketbook is a poor substitute for a full heart. He must have a Tokio, March 9,-"Japan will not re- great store of courage and cheerfulsort to force in connection with the som in the home from the man's plantseizure of the steamer Tatsu unless ing. The woman must be woman compelled to do so by the action of enough to learn in its small details Chins." This statement was given on her business as manager and adminand fully understand the difficulty the know how to cook and sew and spend about two years ago, when it failed prior fact to bread, motor cars, steam central government of China has in money and care for children. That through having indorsed the notes of dealing with viceroys who possess ex- sentence does not read 'must spend money she must know how to spend money. And she must have endless patience with her imperfect husband, her imperfect children, her imperfect conceived, therefore, that he had a right self; patience with the fallures and to seize the vessel, when the facts show blunders and mistakes and sins of two sisters and four brothers in this that go in for it, but not unto the third that the vessel's papers, including a everybody in that home; the unag-city. manifest of arms consigned in regular gressive patience that does not say, You are all very trying, and I am belegal. A representative of the firm at having like a saint; the patience that is a woman's first and middle and last cizure by a Chinese vessel. She was qualification for a happy married life; the patience that takes even ill health torial waters. The claim of Japan that and weakness with a smile, that does this is a clear case of violation of her not play the martyr or call attention

many ways of strengthening the walls. force the cruiser Idrumi, now at Can- Time must be shared; toils must be

For Keeping Ice.

freshing drink.

The following method for keeping lee operairs is very good and shows how besides being reading matter a newspaper can be turned into a very useful article. One often wonders if the ancleut Romans who first introduced the daily journal ever realized to how many uses it was going to be put and what they would think if they could look on the present generation and see the thrifty housewife rolling up carpets with it to keep out the moths and

Fill a pitcher with ice and water and set in the center of a newspaper, then gather the four corners at the top. bringing the ends tightly together. Place a rubber hand around them to hold close and exclude air. A pitcher tible melting of ice.

THE TIE THAT BINDS. to shield, to aid. Providing is not all, senger car of a Boston & Maine train Saturday by a high authority in the istrator of the home. It is not only S and Allison T, in this city, where foreign office at Tokio, who added: "We behind the age, but, as Dr. Bushnell they engaged in the grain business in propose to exercise the ntmost patience, used to say, 'behind the ages,' to say 1884, and fully understand the dimenter, what is now to be said. She must 'The

say 'we' and learn that, the two being one, everything must be shared. The Everything must be shared. Those

Besides great auxlety sickness in the house causes a great deal of extra work. In any disease accompanied by fever arises the complication of how to keep ice water always at hand, so at

It is very tiring for the nurse to run down several flights of steps to the basement, where the refrigerator is generally kept, to say nothing of the favaild, who is apt to be restless and exacting, and the long wait on the

covering the pantry shelves.

of ice water treated in this manner will Gyer - It all depends. Nimrod - Destand all night with scarcely a percep- pends on what? Gyer-Foxes or collar

SHOOTING IN NEW YORK

Italian Banker Seizes Revolver

EMPTIES INTO PELLATRO

Pasquare Patti, the "Italian J. P. Morgan," and Son-in-law Mortally Wounded Francaco Pellatro Before Ho Could Shoot.

New York, March 9 .- Pasquare Patti, who conducts a large banking and exchange business in the Italian quarter in Elizabeth street in a pistol duel, in which his son-in-law, Louis Cartiar, joined, shot Francesco Pellatro, alias Guisseppe Sapio, five times Saturday as a result of Pellatro's alleged attempt to rob the bank. Pellatro was dying Satgostino, whom the police believe is an dience after a performance. Advancaccomplice of Peliatro, was arresteding to the front of the stage, he drew while running from the bank after the from his pocket a letter. shooting. For 14 years, Patti told the police, he has steadily received "Black Hand" letters, and only a month ago the front of his bank was blown out by a bomb and \$40,000 was scattered by the banker's quickness.

entered the bank. Patti was talking with his family when Pellatro suddenly drew a revolver and declared he had come to kill the banker. Quickly seizing a revolver from a shelf, Patti opened fire on Pellatro, while on the other side byterian church in a town in the west of the bank, Louis Cartiar, who con- of Scotland. Gazing at the stars paintducted the branch post-office station in latro told the coroner Saturday night that he went to the bank to kill Patti,

SHOT HIMSELF ON B. & M. TRAIN. H., a Suicide.

Cannan, N. H., March 9,-Charles S. Partridge of the firm of Partridge Brothas it was drawing into this station Saturday afternoon. He was living an hour." when found, but died soon after being "Oh, de removed to the station.

Was Grain Merchant.

panion. Manchester, N. H., March 9.- Charles S. Partridge was the senior member of

The firm did a large business until stickler than any other. Dough is the another brother, who was engaged in is the staff of nigh life. It imbitters,

the clothing business. They resumed six months ago, but Charles S. Partridge never regained his former composure, and his suicide is attributed to discouragement. He leaves a widow and one son, four daughters,

SAVED BY THE MUD.

Exciting Elephant Adventure in the deuled. Puck Heart of Africa.

During a hunting trip in Africa A. Henry Savage Landor had a narrow Africa:"

The cartridge never went off, but unat the same moment with his match. the vera mischief wi' the aits and fairlock. We were such a short distance ly spoll a'l." from the animal that he actually hit his trunk skyward and in his fury

Who pities the rural mail carrier!

The servant riding on the road. him in the head. I shall never forget

A moment later the elephant, with too, with my useless rifle in my hand having by that time acquired a high To take abusive people's jaw, rate of speed.

Had I been running a race for the world's record I am sure I should have He takes a risk on pends of ice, won the prize. It was amazing to me He lives a lonely, wreiched life, how fast I could run, as I confess my blood turned perfectly cold when I And often when he's very late. could feel the hoarse blowing trunk of the elephant only a few rods behind He hears someone behind him bleat, me, and I expected every minute to be crushed into a jelly.

these murshy plains are extraordinarily sticky and slushy, so the moment I He makes a close investigation. dashed into the grass at the record He tells the postmaster what to do. breaking speed at which I was traveling my feet stuck in the soft and slushy lie straightens up the assistant too.

and and I was precipitated with my

And makes the chief clerk come to face and hands in the slush, my rifle sinking deep.

prebension. I said goodby to the world one thing he knows full well is sure and imagined myself deed. No one but a mail carrier knows and imagined myself dead No one could have been more an religion than I Through summer, autumn, winter and was when, a reasonable time to be killed in having elapsed, I got up again and perceived the elephant a few yards off, cantering away in the opposite di- Matters not what the weather may

His back view was a great relief to me. He had come to within two or He spends his money for storm-proof three yards of where I had fallen and, having himself sunk in the soft mad. had turned around and atruggled away, Vehicles, blankets, hay, grain and sais, leaving big circular footmarks, regular holes four or five feet deep to the mud.

Nimtod-Are you fond of hunting? studs.-Illustrated Bits.

CROUP

often proves fatal when the proper remedy cannot be procured at once. Keep

ready to apply to the inside and outside of the throat. Instant relief follows. Shan's Liniment never falls to relieve Hoarseness, Tonsilitis, Sore Throat, Asthma and Pleurity. Price, 25c., 60c., and \$1.00. Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mas

THE SCRAP BOOK

An Effective Stage Speech.

Signor Grasso, the actor, who is looked upon as one of the glories of Italy, made an effective response Ao urday night in a hospital. Michele Do- the enthusiasm of an Argentine aufrom his pocket a letter.

"This letter," he said, "Is from my mother in Catania. She is eighty years of age." Then as his eyes moistened be added, "I cannot thank you as I about in the street. The cash was saved | would, but I feel that I should like to embrace every one of you as I embrace The bank was about to close Saturday | the page on which my mother has signand the streets in the neighborhood ed her name." The enthusiasm of the were teeming with people returning audience was transformed to delirium, from a half-holiday's toil when Pellatro —Paris Cor. London Mali. -Paris Cor. London Mail.

Different Stars. An "Auld Kirk" man was being shown through the new United Presed on the ceiling, he inquired their

"Oh," was the reply, "you know what the book says-'He made the stars also?" "Weel," observed the man, "ye ken

Childhood's Method.

mother one evening lately, "what is Bobby Wickens walking up and down past the house for?" "He's come to take me over to Myrtie Smith's," answered the child, sud-

"Virginia," asked the little ghi's

dealy hurrying on with ner cloak and hood "But he's been out there for nearly

"Oh, dear," exclaimed Virginia regretfully. "I forgot that poor Bobby can't whistle!"--Woman's Home Com-

Dough. Dough is made out of wheat, rea estate, oil, literature and magazine ar ticles. But dough made of wheat is no yachts and collections of old books. It matrimony and purveys the lovely scandals we read about. It gets girls sent off to college and fitted to be something more spectacular than mere wives and mothers. It curseth them and fourth generations. We are too good spenders for that. It is from dough that the dowdy, the dull and the dotty derive distinction otherwise

An Orkney Prayer. The brevity of the Orkney summer escape from two elephants which he precluding the raising of hardly anywas stalking. He had got to within thing except oats ("aits") and barley. ten yards of the male elephant and, the elders had requested the minister taking careful aim, pulled the trigger, to pray for good harvest weather. He The story of what followed is told in complied as follows: "Lord, gle us Mr. Landor's book "Across Widest braw weather and a wee bit saugh of a breeze that will dree the straw and will nae harm the heads, but if ye fortunately my kresh, who relied on blaw us sic a bletherin', rivin', tearin' the effectiveness of my weapon, fired blast as we has been ha'in' ye'll play

The Rural Mail Carrier.

The hardship, strife and burden bearer, All weighted down with heavy load; his trunk extended, dashed after us, L And bound by oath to keep the law, Protect the mail from loss or crime,

And make the trip on schedule time

Floating bridges and swollen streams, And yet to many it pleasant seems; Tired cold and rushed to limit,

"Hold on, mister, wait a minute." In that particular part of the country His greatest time and aggravation Is when the route inspector comes, And all the crew around him hums;

This was the supreme moment of ap. Through thick and thin his duty goes; What mail men have to endure.

spring. Dust, mud, rain sunshine, hail and SHOW,

The mail carrier has got to go.

coats. Horses, harness, repairs and rents, Heavy clothes and other expense. When the month is out he may expect

Two things he's sure to get-A small seventy-five dollar check, And a round hunired dollar debt. R. L. C. No. 1.